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Transmitted herewith for filing under 37 C.F.R. §1.53(b) is a

☐ Continuation

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Continuation-in-Part

application of prior pending Application No. 09/056,798, filed April 8, 1998,

For (Title):

OPTICAL STORAGE MEDIUM, OPTICAL STORAGE METHOD, OPTICAL STORAGE APPARATUS, OPTICAL READING METHOD, OPTICAL READING APPARATUS, OPTICAL RETRIEVING METHOD AND OPTICAL RETRIEVING

APPARATUS

By (Inventors):

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- A Declaration and Power of Attorney is attached. The attached Declaration and Power of Attorney is:
 - a. A copy of the Declaration and Power of Attorney from the parent application. (Used with the same or fewer inventors and (a) a copy of the prior application or (b) a revised, reformatted or edited version of the prior application that does not contain new matter.)
 - b. A new Declaration and Power of Attorney. (Used with the same, fewer or additional inventors and (a) a copy of the prior application, (b) a revised, reformatted or edited version of the prior application that does not contain new matter, or (c) a new specification.)

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- 3. Check No. 113559 in the amount of \$710 to cover the filing fee is attached. The Director is hereby authorized to charge any other fees that may be required to complete this filing, or to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 15-0461. Two duplicate copies of this sheet are attached.
- 4. \(\sum \) Cancel claims <u>8-50</u> of the application before calculating the filing fee. At least one independent claim is retained for filing purposes.

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5.	\boxtimes	Amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence:
		This is a Continuation \(\subseteq \text{ Division } \subseteq \text{ Continuation-in-Part of Application No. } \frac{09/056,798}{1998} \) filed \(\frac{April 8, 1998}{1998}, \text{ which in turn is a} \) The entire disclosure of the prior application(s) is hereby incorporated by reference herein in its entirety
6.	\boxtimes	Formal drawings (Figs. 1-28) are attached.
7.	⊠	Priority of foreign applications No. 10-032834 and 9-094194 filed February 16, 1998 and April 11, 1997 in JAPAN is claimed under 35 U.S.C. §119 and/or §365(b).
	\boxtimes	The certified copy was filed in prior Application No. 09/056,798 on April 8, 1998.
		A certified copy of the above foreign application(s) is filed herewith.
8.		Priority of U.S. Provisional Application(s) No filed is claimed under 35 U.S.C. §119.
		Amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence:
		This nonprovisional application claims the benefit of U.S. Provisional Application(s) No filed
9.	\boxtimes	The prior application is assigned of record to Fuji Xerox Co., Ltd. recorded at Reel, Frame
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· 10.		This application is filed by fewer than all the inventors named in the prior application (37 C.F.R §1.53(b)(1)). Delete the following inventor(s) named in the prior application:
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11.	\boxtimes	A Preliminary Amendment is attached. Claims added by this Amendment are properly numbered consecutively beginning with the number next following the highest numbered claim in the application.
12.	\boxtimes	An Information Disclosure Statement is attached.
13.		Small entity status:
		a. Entitlement to small entity status is asserted.
		b. Small entity status is no longer claimed.
14.		Other:
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